

NT211 (PER-201)

Weapons of Mass Destruction HazMat Evidence Collection

Delivered by the Center for Domestic Preparedness

Course Description

This Operations Level course involves instruction in how to collect weapons of mass destruction (WMD) hazardous materials (HazMat) evidence and ensure that collection protocols are followed and that proper chain of custody is maintained. This course has been jointly developed by CRA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's), Hazardous Materials Response Unit (HMRU). Emergency responders may be asked to assist in hazard risk assessment and to act as a crime scene "specialist" in the actual collection of evidence at the direction of crime scene investigators. The objective is to provide Public Safety personnel with the skills and knowledge to effectively collect hazardous criminal evidence as a crime scene "specialist" at the direction of law enforcement. The two-day course is composed of classroom hours and a practical scenario.

Course Objectives

- Identify the safe and helpful participation in a WMD crime scene process.
- Properly identify, characterize, collect and package WMD evidence.
- Describe and understand the chain-of-custody in evidence collection.
- Describe the evidence decontamination process.
- Demonstrate hands-on participation in evidence collection.

Course Length

- 16 hours

Note: The one-day Operations Level course, WMD Crime Scene Management for Emergency Responders (NT210) and the two-day Technician Level course, WMD HazMat Evidence Collection (NT211) can be provided as a three-day program.

Prerequisite

- NT210

Target Audience/Discipline

- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Medical Services
- Emergency Management
- Fire Service
- Hazardous Material
- Public Safety Communications